

# FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS AREAS



## Grant Grove Area

### GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. Grant Grove was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here you can see both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s. Winter often brings heavy snow; rent skis or snowshoes in the market. In summer the area offers picnicking (see page 3) & horseback riding.

#### INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 9am-4:30pm. Books, maps, first aid. Information desk open throughout exhibit closure for remodel; Exhibits reopen by summer of 2006. Local wilderness permits issued 8am-4pm only (see details page 4). 1-559-565-4307.

#### FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

*Note: All operating hours will be extended by one hour on Saturday, Sunday and holidays.*

- **Restaurant:** Through 3/24: 9am-2pm & 5-7pm; (open until 8pm on Friday & Saturday). Hours may increase after that.
- **Gift Shop:** Daily 9am-6pm (open until 7pm Friday-Saturday). Film, souvenirs, clothing. ATM in lobby.
- **Market:** Daily 9am-6pm (open until 7pm Friday-Saturday). Groceries, bear canisters, emergency gasoline, supplies, sleds, cross-country ski & snowshoe rentals.

#### OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (NPS) & Lodging:** See page 10-11 for details.
- **Showers (KCPS):** Closed for the season.
- **Post Office:** Hours may vary. Tuesday-Friday 9am-3pm; Saturday & Monday 9am-11:30pm. Lobby & stamp machine open 24 hours. Address mail to visitors: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.

## Cedar Grove Area

*Hwy 180 into the canyon will reopen in mid-April.*

### CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE

4600' (1410 m) elevation. The road into Kings Canyon closes below Yucca Point every fall due to frequent rockfall. Frost heave causes rocks in the cliffs to tumble onto the road.

This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — “a rival to the Yosemite,” according to John Muir. In addition to facilities listed below, in summer the area offers picnicking and horseback riding (see page 3).

#### INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Closed until late spring. 559-565-3793.
- **Camping (NPS):** Closed until mid-April. Details on page 11.

#### FOOD, LODGING & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant, Shop, Market, Showers, Laundry:** Closed for the season.

## Snowplay Areas!

In the National Park's Grant Grove area: Big Stump and Columbine. In the National Forest: Big Meadows, Quail Flat and Cherry Gap.

- **Be safe & considerate!** See safety information on page 5.
- **Cross-country skis & snowshoes** are rented at the market, where other snowplay gear is also for sale. See Food & Shop hours in the left column.
- **Snowplay is prohibited in some areas:** residential areas, the Grant Tree Trail area, and other areas as signed. Azalea Campground in the park is a campground only – no snowplay.

## USFS: National Forest & Monument

### HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive between the park areas of Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2 for more on the difference between Park and Forest). The area was sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935. It is an excellent place to see recovery from intensive sequoia logging in the late 1800s. Snowy in winter, in summer it offers picnicking & horseback riding (see page 3) as well as:

#### INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon Park entrance at Big Stump. Weekdays 8am-4:30pm. Maps, books. 1-559-338-2251; [www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia).

#### OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Boyden Cavern:** Closed until the road to the canyon opens in spring.
- **Stony Creek Village & Lodge (FS):** Closed until spring.
- **Montecito-Sequoia Resort (FS):** A permitted resort on public land. Open year-round. On the Generals Highway 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Restaurant: breakfast 8-9:30am, lunch 12-1pm, dinner 6-7:30pm. Cabins, hotel, children's activities. Ski & snowshoe rentals, sales, & lessons. Day-use permit available for a fee to use groomed trails, snow play, & ice skating. Reservations: 1-800-227-9900 or [www.mslodge.com](http://www.mslodge.com). Lodge: 1-800-843-8677; 1-559-565-3388.
- **Hume Lake:** Private facilities open to public; 8 miles (13 km) north of Grant Grove on Hwy 180 then 3 miles (5 km) south on Hume Lake Road. 24-hour gas station (with credit card) & laundry (coin operated). Market daily 8am-12pm & 1-5pm; Snack bar: Friday: 3pm-11pm; Saturday 7am-11pm Sunday: 7am-12pm. Additional hours at times. Call for information: 1-559-335-2000.

#### GASOLINE

- **Gas Sales (private):** Year-round at Hume Lake Christian Camps (24 hours with credit card; see above). See *Rules of the Road*, page 5, for details.

## NATURE PROGRAMS

**Snowshoe walks are usually offered in Grant Grove on Saturdays and holidays when conditions permit, beginning Saturday, December 31.**

**We provide free snowshoes for the 2-hour, 1-mile walk. Group size is limited, so reserve your place at any visitor center or call 559-565-4307. Snowshoeing may be strenuous and difficult for small children. Ask for more information about this unusual way to enjoy the forest!**

**If there is not enough snow for a snowshoe walk, we will offer an alternate program. Check local bulletin boards and visitor centers for schedules of all activities.**

